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## A DARING DEED.

A Colored Youth's Heroism at a Holocaust—  
News Notes From the Windy City—Rev  
Ransom Retained—An Odd Fellows Tem-  
ple in Prospect—Olivet Baptist Church  
Makes a Good Showing.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Mary Church Terrell passed through our city Sunday. She had been lecturing in South Dakota and was enroute to Washington. Mrs. Terrell's name is a household word in the West. She won the highest admiration last summer, when she was here as president of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Her splendid ability, affability, and personal magnetism won for her a warm place in the hearts of the people of Chicago. It is hoped it is true that this gifted woman will give her host of friends a chance to hear her in August.

Dr. Wilson, a prominent physician and surgeon of Nashville, Tenn. is in the city taking special courses in surgery at some of our best institutions.

Dr. A. H. Kennibrew, resident physician at the Tuskegee Institute, spent several weeks in this city taking laboratory courses in the Post Graduate school. His charming wife joined him the last week of his stay. After spending a few days in Jacksonville, Ill., they will return to Tuskegee.

The Edelweiss, a wealthy beer garden that has succeeded in fastening its fangs in the fashionable Hyde Park district of this city, was partially destroyed by fire recently. The building known as "Ye Tavern" at the west end of the grounds also suffered a great loss. About one dozen servants were employed in them, among them a colored boy, William Drake who succeeded in securing \$25,000 from the safe, and rushed into the street while the flames licked him on both cheeks. This was truly a heroic deed, yet the daily papers in reporting the fire could not spare but four lines to devote to the deed, and that was merely a mention.

Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom preached his farewell sermon at Bethel church Sunday night. During his four years pastorate he endeared himself to his large congregation by his honest, earnest administration; and won the esteem of the best citizens of Chicago. In his congregation could be found many of Chicago's intellectual lights who were attracted by the literary merit of this eminent divines sermons. The race needs such men as Rev. Ransom and rejoice to know that he is going to remain with us as pastor and superinten-



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Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Port-au Prince, Haiti,  
The Black Republic—Now Spending His Vacation in the United States.

dent of the Institutional church which has recently been organized by the A. M. E. Church.

The colored Odd Fellows throughout the United States will be glad to know that the Odd Fellows of Chicago have paid \$16,000 cash for a large lot on State Street on which they will build an Odd Fellows Temple. The plans have been completed and the larger part of the money is in hand to begin the erection of the building. It has not been definitely settled just when the corner stone will be laid, but it is thought some time in the early fall. In connection with the building will be one of the largest, most elegant, and completely furnished auditoriums in the city. There will also be at least six lodge halls properly fitted up for the meetings of the different organizations. This enterprise will fill a long felt want in this city.

Prof. J. W. Hall, who conducts the most successful dancing school in the city is a teacher of no small ability. He has made a decided success of his art, is well known and merits the high es-

teem in which he is held by the public. He is the only colored member of the Dancing Masters' Association, which body he attended in June. His new dance hall at Arlington Hall is provided with every thing for the comfort of patrons; electric fans and palms adding to its beauty. Prof. Hall is dignified and manly, and his name appears as "prompter" on the invitation of the largest and most successful balls given in the city.

Rev. J. F. Thomas, pastor of Olivet Baptist church is a man whose merits as a minister of the gospel ought not be hid behind a bushel. Olivet, a magnificent brick structure, stands at the corner of 27th and Dearborn streets, and has been unfortunate from a financial standpoint, many times just escaping embarrassment by the good judgment of this earnest worker; and not only judgment, but many times has he consulted his own bank book in order to uphold the church he had started to build, never wavering in the attention due the duty he had been summoned

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## THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

Christianity as a Lever to Advance the Negro and to Solve the Problem—His Ambition to Hold High Office in the Church not Encouraged—Some Cases in Point—Bruce Grits Scintillations.

Albany, N. Y., Special:—

For a long time the christian churches of the superior race have been greatly annoyed and perplexed over the question "what shall we do with the Negro?" and at each recurring conference, synod, session or council of these various christian denominations, the question has grown larger and hence more troublesome to handle. This is due very greatly to the fact that the Negro insists on getting religion. And every year large numbers of them by reason of their conversion to the christian faith, claim fellowship with their white brethren and expect to be treated by them as equals. Herein is the kernel of the great problem and it is not difficult for any one to see, for it is quite a large kernel.

These Negroes not only absorb our religion, but they hanker after positions in our various churches.

Only a short time ago one of these "christian Negroes," a man of quite considerable ability, a scholar of no mean pretensions and a gentleman of culture and refinement had the temerity to aspire to the Bishopric, and was quite a formidable candidate. Many of our good christian brethren in the conference voted for him on the first ballot by way of complimenting him, and he came dangerously near being elected as he received nearly 500 votes. When this was discovered the brethren at once decided to reduce his vote on each succeeding ballot, with the result that when the balloting was over he was not visible in the count. The election of that Negro would have disrupted the Christian Church and established a precedent which would have retarded the progress of our Holy religion fifty years to come.

The brethren who were responsible for encouraging the ambition of this Negro were roundly censured in caucus for their action in voting for him.

It was maintained that while he possibly possessed all the requirements—the moral character and mental equipment needed in a Bishop, the fact remained that he is a Negro, and that by virtue of his election to the Bishopric he would necessarily have the unquestioned right to preside over white conferences in Baltimore and other southern cities and he would be thrown in social contact with our women and children in their homes.